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To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri. Jan 24, 2003 9:49 AM
Subject: oppose media concentration

Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership **Rules**
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

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I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

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With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Sincerely,

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From: silverjosh@yahoo.com
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Date: Sun, Jan 19, 2003 10:08 AM
Subject: media concentration

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From: Sive Neilan
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Jan 25, 2003 10:11 AM
Subject: FCC protect media independence

Dear Commissioner:

One of the basic elements which help to keep the American media at least partially free and independent is the set of FCC regulations restricting consolidation and monopolies.

In the 2002 Biennial Review, the FCC appears to be planning to roll back many of these protective regulations: the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule, the National Broadcast Ownership Cap, the Local Radio Ownership Rule, the Duopoly Rule and the Dual Network Rule.

Relaxation or abandonment of the preceding rules will result in the purchase of local and independent newspapers and radio and television stations by large media giants. The cost to the American People and Democracy will be far too high if local news, reportorial freedom and access to a true variety of legitimate views are further compromised.

Commissioner, I urge you to make sure the FCC does not relax or drop these vital regulatory rules.

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From: slamz@socal.rr.com
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Subject: Consider The Needs Of Children!

FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps

Dear FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps.

I urge the FCC to consider the distinct needs of children in its upcoming rulemaking on broadcast ownership rules.

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Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

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The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

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From: W M Kirkpatrick
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From: wdale@pacbell.net
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Subject: Say No to Media Concentration!

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